

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

(Previously Amended) An orthopedic securing system for securing at least one elongate element to a tissue, the system comprising two or more nut sections that assemble to form a nut, the assembled nut comprising a nut surface that substantially contacts a tissue surface, one or more element channels extending substantially along the radial axis of at least one of the two or more nut sections, the one or more element channels adapted to press the at least one elongate element, an outer surface defining a periphery of the nut sections and a band disposed around the periphery.

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